GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Educated Beggars
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data/estimates of the total number of educated beggars in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the number of graduates, under graduates and degree holders out of them;

(c) the reasons for increase in the number of such beggars; and

(d) the manner in which the Government and educational institutions as well as the society can help to eliminate the number of educated beggars?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a) & (b): As per the details furnished by the Office of Registrar General of India, the State-wise details of educated beggars in the country are enclosed as annexure.

(c) & (d): No study has been conducted by the Ministry, for ascertaining the reasons of increase in number of beggars in any particular category. As per available information, 20 States and 2 Union Territories have either enacted their own Anti-Beggary Legislation or adopted legislations enacted by other States/UTs. Presently, there is no scheme of the Central Government on Beggary. National Consultation Meetings were held with the representative of Central/State Governments, NGOs, Institutes and Individual Experts in the field of Beggary to discuss the issues related to Beggary. In these meetings, it was inter-alia, recommended to explore the feasibility of framing a Central Scheme for rehabilitation of Beggars. Accordingly, a Scheme for Protection, Care and Rehabilitation of Destitutes is under formulation which has, inter-alia, provision for providing skill development training to able bodied destitutes.